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Inmate Death at FMC Butner

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Thursday, December 10, 2020, James Ray Sapp tested positive for COVID-19 while at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Atlanta in Atlanta, Georgia, and was transferred to a local hospital. He was treated for COVID-19 pneumonia and subsequently placed on a ventilator. On Thursday, June 3, 2021, Mr. Sapp was transferred to the Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner in Butner, North Carolina, and institution medical staff monitored his condition and provided treatment.

On Saturday, October 23, 2021, Mr. Sapp, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by institution medical staff.

Mr. Sapp was a 75-year-old male who was sentenced in the Middle District of Georgia to a 120-month sentence for Attempted Enticement of a Minor. He had been in custody at FMC Butner since June 3, 2021.

FMC Butner is an administrative facility that currently houses 760 male offenders.

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